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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

TRIAL OF THE "CHICAGO 8" (Continued)

As expressed in the current issue of Newsweek, the "Chicago 8" trial "staggered into its sixth week in a thorough state of judicial dishevelment. The radical defendants eager to make a mockery of justice as dispensed by a 'system' they despise..."

During this sixth week (29 October - 4 November), the court continued its battle with Seale over his constant interruptions to insist upon his rights to represent himself and question witnesses, or to give vent to outbursts of invective against the Judge, the court and the Federal Government. Matters came to a head on Wednesday, 29 October, when Judge Hoffman finally carried out his threat to have Seale gagged and shackled; and until the trial was recessed at midday on Friday, 31 October, (to permit defense representatives to fly to San Francisco to consult with Attorney Charles R. Garry, who was kept from representing Seale by reasons of health), Seale was carried into and out of court strapped to a chair and gagged. He refused to indicate a willingness to be "respectful of the court"; and continued to make his protests audible in spite of his gag.

On Monday, 3 November, the court was described as seeming almost normal. Seale appeared in court without gag or shackles, despite his refusal to comply with Judge Hoffman's request for assurance that he would refrain from speaking out in court. Twice during the day, he repeated his demand that he be allowed to defend himself; but there was no "sustained interruption", other than a speech Seale made accusing Judge Hoffman of using "cruel and unusual punishment" to prevent him from demanding his constitutional rights, and protesting his treatment by U. S. marshals.

Defense Attorney Leonard I. Weinglass (who with Tom Hayden and Jerry Rubin had made a trip to California over the weekend to talk with Garry and see if he could join the defense sooner than the anticipated

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(date of 15 November) reported that Garry would not enter the trial due to the fact that his health would not permit it, and because he had no interest in becoming involved in a trial in which his participation "could in no way cure the fundamental constitutional infirmities with which it is already plagued." Weinglass read a lengthy statement by Garry into the record, in which Garry blamed the Government and the trial judge for violating Seale's "fundamental constitutional rights" and protested that he was "inhumanly and cruelly punished, insulted and degraded."

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, Garry attacked the Judge and the prosecution and announced that he would file a suit demanding a stop to the gagging and shackling of Seale, whom he described as "a kind loveable human being", and demanding also that the Government apologize to Seale and pay reparations for having shackled him. Judge Hoffman and Attorney General Mitchell would, he said, be charged with violating Seale's civil rights.

On 4 November, the prosecution presented "two more witnesses" who testified about an incident, at the time of the Democratic Convention, during which butyric acid was thrown into a go-go lounge in the basement of the Palmer House.

In the afternoon of the 4th, however, after two days of relative calm, "the confrontation between Bobby G. Seale and Judge Julius J. Hoffman resumed with new vigor." The renewed disruption of the court occurred following testimony by a San Mateo, California deputy sheriff, Bill H. Ray, that he had seen Seale and two other "mole Negro adults" board a Chicago-bound plane at the San Francisco airport on the morning of 27 August 1968. Seale jumped up and objected "on the grounds that you have denied my constitutional rights to an attorney." Ordered to sit down, he did so; but rose again, following Ray's testimony, and announced in a loud determined voice, "I want to cross-examine this witness." When Judge Hoffman again ruled that he was adequately represented by William M. Kunstler, Seale pointed at Kunstler and said, "I don't want this man as my attorney. You never asked whether I wanted him as my lawyer". Ignoring Federal marshals' warnings to be seated, he requested (as he had previously) that Judge Hoffman was "like those slave-owner Presidents on your wall"—referring to pictures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and others hanging on the wall behind the bench. At this point, Judge Hoffman recessed the trial, twenty minutes earlier than usual, until the following morning.

Predictably, the Communist Party has been loud in its denunciation of the conduct of the trial; and the Leftist and Communist press has opened up on the "unprecedented action" against Seale. On 31 October, the (Communist) Daily World carried a banner headline:

**"SEALE IN CHAINS
Torture in Court"**

and ran numerous articles harping on the "slavery-time treatment" of Seale by a system inspired by "all the hatred and sadism of the racist Establishment."

"The Communist Party", reported the Daily World, "calls upon all progressives--all people who cherish democracy and peace--to speak out... Demand that the Justice Department intervene now to dismiss the entire indictment against the Chicago 8... Demand that immediate steps be taken to impeach Judge Hoffman for blatant violations of the Constitution and of due process of law." The National Lawyers Guild, it quoted as having "blasted" the courtroom gagging and shackling as "an outrage"; and "The special treatment meted out to Seale", it said, "brings into the open the viciousness and utter depravity of racism in the United States."

The Daily World also reported the comments of various individuals. It quoted: demands made by William L. Patterson, Chairman of the Communist Party Black Liberation Commission, in a telegram to the Attorney General, for the impeachment of Judge Hoffman and the dropping of the indictments against all eight defendants; comments of Rasheed Storey, Communist Party candidate for mayor of New York City, who referred to "the action of the Judge in chaining, gagging, and roughing up Bobby Seale" as "outrageous and a throwback to the slavery period... We demand an impeachment of Judge Hoffman... We demand the dismissal of the indictment against all 8 in this gross travesty of Justice" etc., etc.; and remarks of Henry Winston, National Chairman of the CPUSA, "on behalf of the Party's entire membership", which characterized Judge Hoffman's actions as "Fascist-like" and said the court's atmosphere of "an armed encampment" is an example of how Nixon's policy of law and order will operate. Winston was also quoted by the Daily World as stating that, as the only "black defendant", Seale has been "the special target of racist hostility and bestial repression."

Daily World accounts have made no reference to Seale's outbursts and vituperation in court; and regarding his conduct (which Seale surely

intended should force Judge Hoffman to take drastic action against him), it reported that he "attempted to exercise his rights to defend himself in the absence of Charles Garry, counsel of his own choosing... in an orderly fashion." He has, it reported, "in no way interfered with the conduct of the trial. When he requested yesterday to address the court on his own behalf, Judge Hoffman ordered the marshals to take Seale into an adjoining room and deal with him. An audible gasp rose from the spectators and reporters. They feared the worst, for they know what these words have meant in the past when uttered by other upholders of law and order."

There is no hint in the Communist press that Seale's conduct in court has been such as to cause Time Magazine to characterize him as "Ringleader in the disruptions" of a court described as having a "nightmare setting". Nor is there mention of the defendants' tactics, which Time described as "identical to those used on the streets during the Convention riots; they seek to provoke Hoffman in the same way that demonstrators baited Chicago police into over-reaction."

The Guardian, on 1 November, published a full page transcript of an interview with Defense Attorneys William M. Kunstler and Leonard I. Weinglass, giving them yet another chance to blast the conduct of the trial and to make a plea to those "in the movement" that they send money to meet the expenses of the defense, that they join protests against the trial, and that they condemn the trial with "a flood of letters" to editors, to Congressmen, and so on.

Demonstrations on behalf of the "Chicago 8", and more particularly on behalf of Bobby Seale, have continued but they have apparently failed to draw large numbers of demonstrators.

Early in the morning of 30 October, ten members of the Black Panther Party began picketing the Federal Building in Chicago, some wearing gags; and they remained outside of the building for most of the day.

On 1 November, according to an FBI message of 31 October, a rally would be held in Chicago to protest the trial and all the defendants, except Seale, would be present. Some of them were to speak; and Seale was to be represented by the Chairman of the Black Panther Party of Illinois. When the demonstration came off, 250 participated.

On 3 November, the Coalition for United Community Action was reported to be sponsoring a city-wide strike and rally at Chicago that day to demand that Seale be freed. It was hoped that 25,000 would participate; but in view of a lack of national news coverage, it would seem that this was a highly optimistic and vain hope.

Also on 3 November, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was sponsoring demonstrations at Chicago, San Francisco, and New York to protest the treatment of Seale; and it was believed that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and youth gangs might participate. According to confidential FBI informants, a BPP leader had issued instructions that demonstrations should be held on that date (3 Nov.) in front of Federal Buildings in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and New Haven; and according to the informant, demonstrations would occur also in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle—for the purpose of showing support for Bobby Seale, and to advocate the exchange of Black Panthers confined in the United States for Americans being held by North Vietnam.

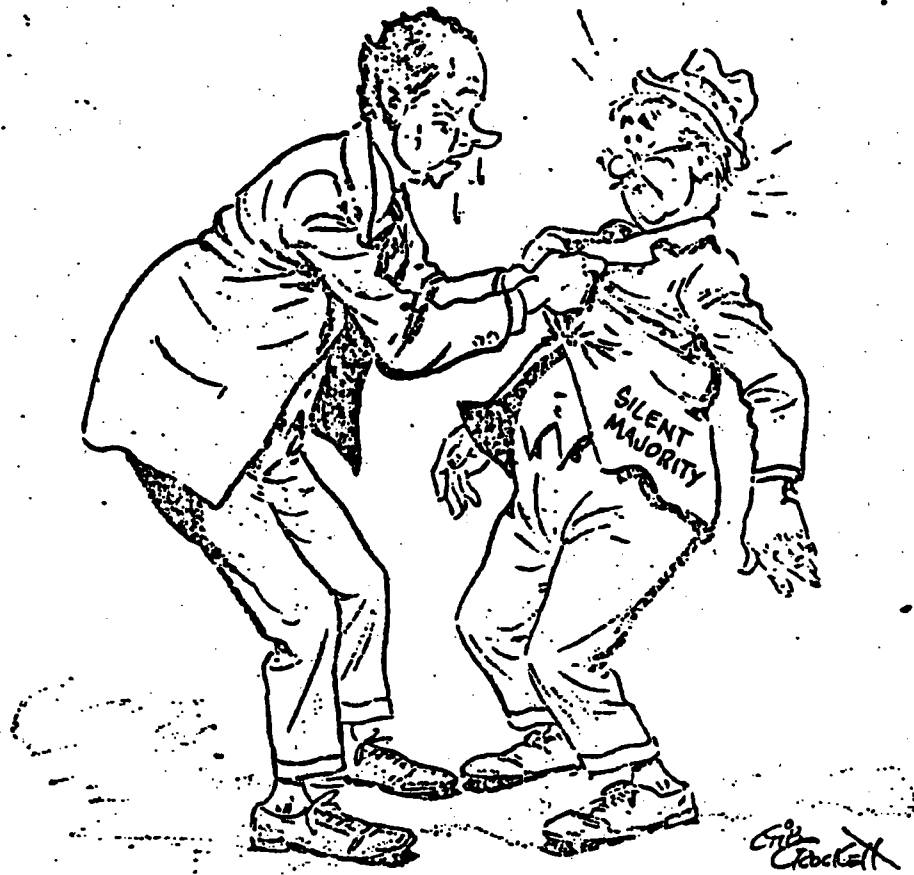
According to a 4 November FBI message, relatively small demonstrations occurred in New York City, Boston, New Haven, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco; and at the New Haven demonstration, it was announced that additional rallies would be held on 5 November. At the New York City rally, members of the Communist Party, USA, were observed; and at the rally in Boston, there were members of the anarchistic Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). No mention was made of demonstrations in Los Angeles or Seattle.

Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that after an exhaustive review of the TV coverage of last year's National Democratic Convention, "House investigators" have concluded that the TV networks seemed hostile to the Democratic Party and that cautious legislation is needed to prohibit "the falsification of purportedly bona fide news events." According to the press on 5 November, a confidential report to the House Commerce Committee stated that TV coverage seemed to present "a one-sided picture which in a large measure exonerates the demonstrators and protesters", and cited case after case as evidence of misleading and phony photographic reporting by large networks.

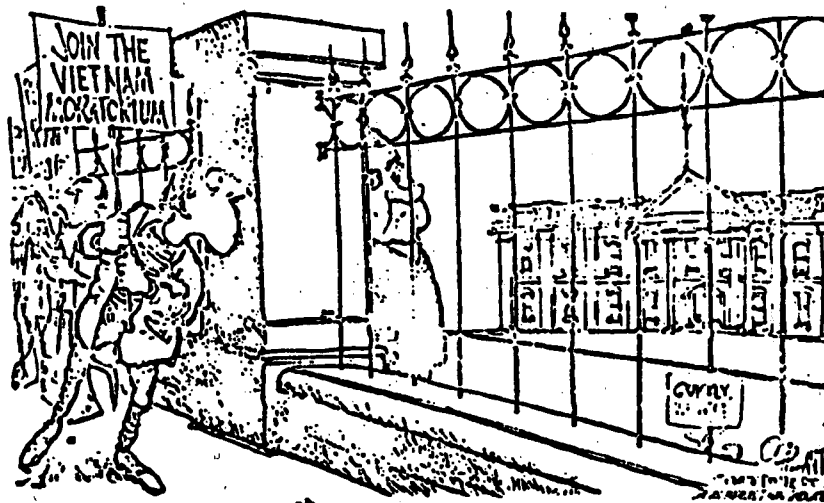
Since preparation of the above, it has been reported in the press that Bobby Seale has been found by Judge Hoffman to be in contempt of court on sixteen counts and has been sentenced to four years in prison. At the same time, Judge Hoffman declared a mistrial in Seale's case, severing it from that of the seven other "Chicago 8" defendants.

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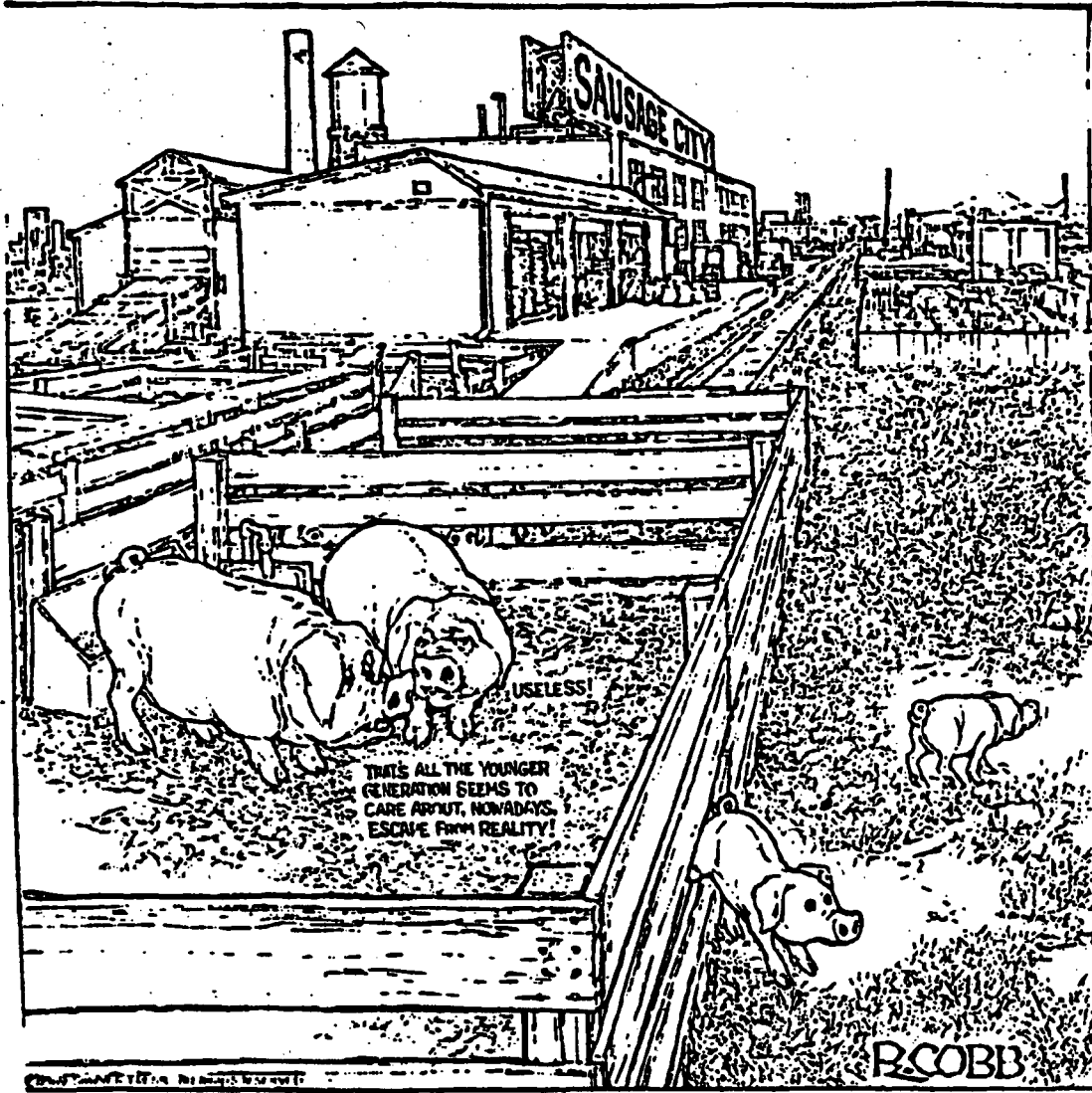


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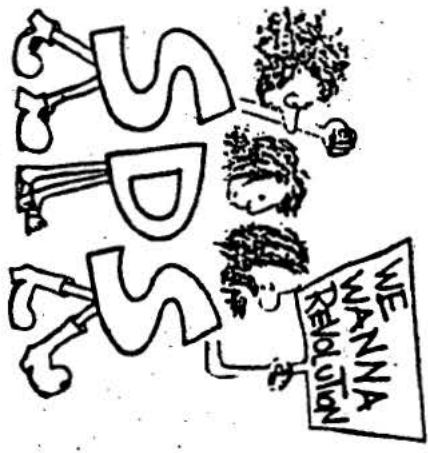
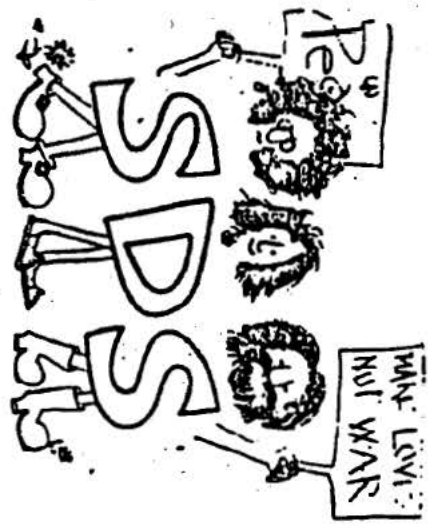
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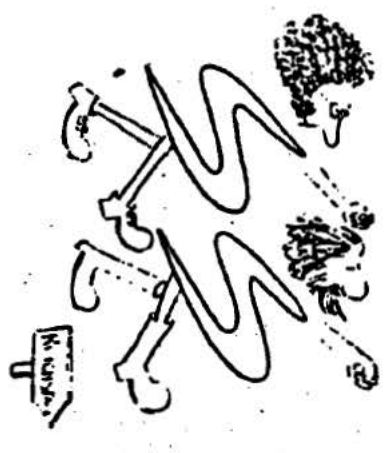


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"Where did Democracy go?" "He was out of step."

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

November 8-15 National

Planned to be a week of local activity around the war and U. S. imperialism: to build on-going local organizations and to help mobilize for November 15 in Washington and San Francisco. The goal is to plan activity appealing to a wide variety of constituencies and political styles. Initiated by the Joe Hill Caucus of SDS at San Francisco State and endorsed by the RYM2 national SDS faction. A prime aim is for campus protests. The NMC co-chairman, Sidney Peck has indicated that NMC hopes the actions take place.

Guardian 9-27

November 8-15 Washington, D.C.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a pacifist group which is participating in the November 15 demonstrations, plans to conduct a continuous vigil at the South Vietnamese Embassy, November 8-15.

FBI IN 69153

November 9 Denver, Colorado

March and rally entitled "GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace in Vietnam" scheduled for November at Cheesman Park. Sponsors are American Friends Service Committee, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about the Vietnam War, Student Mobilization Committee, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Colorado New Mobilization Committee. Harry Nier, Group spokesman, announced this demonstration is prelude to national demonstrations 13-15 November.

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*November 9 Los Angeles, California

The Teachers Council for Peace in Vietnam is sponsoring a "Teachers Only" peace march followed by a rally at the L. A. High School football stadium - open to the public. The aim is to initiate "dramatic peace events" - carefully planned so as to broaden the peace movement's popular appeal. The projected march and demonstration has the support of the Peace Action Council, umbrella coordinating

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agency for all the peace organizations in the area. A speaker for the Teachers Council stated that "the peace rally will not be an anti-climax to the teachers' march. On the contrary, we are hoping for the largest anti-war rally ever held in L. A." Speakers will include: Congressmen Allard Lowenstein, George Brown, and Edward Roybal; California Assemblyman John Burton; and Stan Orm, British Parliamentary delegate to Trade Union Congress of Amalgamated Engineering Union representing eighty labor members of the British Parliament.

*November 9 Houston, Texas

A march for peace is planned from Emancipation Park to Hermann Park where a rally is scheduled. Two buses have been reserved in Killean, Texas, to transport demonstrators to Houston; however, only some twenty-six persons have signed up for the trip. Two folk singers are scheduled to perform at the rally and Howard Levy, anti-war former Army medical Captain will speak.

FARA 9302

November 10 National

Police Chief Dallas Bias of Charleston, West Virginia, called on the nation's policemen and firemen to stage a "National March of Confidence" in the Government and the U. S. soldiers in Vietnam November 10, the day before Veterans Day.

Wash. Post 17 Oct.

November 10 Washington, D. C.

Rennie Davis and David Dellinger, both of whom are on trial at Chicago, Illinois, for their activities during the Democratic National Convention, attended an NMC meeting at Washington, D. C., on 20 October. Davis indicated that he was returning to Washington, D. C., on 8 November and that a demonstration will be held at the Justice Department on 10 November to protest the Chicago trial.

FBI 70067 21 Oct.

*November 10 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reportedly, members of the Philadelphia Student Mobilization Committee are making plans to demonstrate against Vice-President Agnew when he speaks at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

FBI 80405

*November 10

A fund-raising party has reportedly been scheduled during the week of 10 November at the home of Hugh Hefner, publisher of "Playboy" magazine, to raise funds for the NMC. Several unidentified high-ranking Government officials are expected to attend.

November 11 Washington, D. C.

A Coalition of Blacks Against the War in Vietnam, composed of representatives of some twenty-five Negro organizations in D. C., has been formed to conduct its own rally against the Vietnam War and reportedly will not participate in any great numbers in the anti-Vietnam War activities planned for 13-15 November by the New Move, Vietnam Mobilization Committee, and the Student Mobilization Committee which are almost exclusively of white leadership. Members of the coalition - ranging from moderate clergymen to militant young blacks - have said they felt they ought to become involved in a kind of movement over which they could have some control. Co-chairmen Mrs. Willie J. Hardy and Roena Rand announced that the Black Moratorium Day Rally will be at the D. C. Armory at 4:30 p. m. *265 2110*

The Black Coalition has a list of District war dead, and the next of kin will be contacted and invited to take part in the program at the Armory. Tentative plans for the late afternoon program call for reading the names of District war dead, introduction of their families, lighting of candles in their memory and perhaps speeches by some others. As tentatively scheduled the Armory program will run from 4:30 to 8:30 p. m. and may include appearances by Mrs. Martin Luther King and Mahalia Jackson, who is to sing at Arlington National Cemetery earlier that day.

November 10-16 National and Washington, D. C.

It appears that "Veterans Day" will be marked this year by more than the usual memorial services. Lead primarily by veterans organizations, some effort is being expended to plan activities in the nature of a counter-offensive against the anti-war protests. The groups plan to observe National Confidence Week beginning November 10.

Under a project called "Tell it to Hanoi," each member of a veterans' group will call five persons, asking each to call five more. Then, on Veterans Day they will fly the U. S. flag, burn headlights on cars and turn on their porch lights at night. Groups participating are the American Legion, VFW, Military Order of the World Wars, World War I Veterans, American Veterans of World War II, Disabled American Veterans, Retired Officers Association, Reserve Officers, and Fleet Reserve Association. The VFW, with its national "Operation Speakout" and other groups are asking labor, church and fraternal organizations to join in statements to newspapers and in other ways to

show solidarity behind President Nixon.

In a similar gesture, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, Major General Winston P. Wilson, is asking the nation's 500,000 guardsmen to stage what amounts to a counter-demonstration to the planned anti-war protests. In a move probably unprecedented in the long history of the National Guard, the General sent in an appeal to the adjutants general of all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The General asked that between November 11 and 16 all guardsmen:

Drive their autos with the headlights turned on, fly the American Flag at their homes and businesses and leave their porch lights burning.

Terming it a national effort that would show North Vietnam the nation's determination "to follow a prudent course in Vietnam," he also urged guardsmen to encourage other citizens to take part in the counter-activity.

Also, the Veterans Administration has sent 100,000 educators and community leaders, a Veterans Day packet containing a detailed scenario, with appropriate pauses for band music, for November 11 observances designed in part to counter the anti-war activities planned for November 13-15. The packet includes complete speeches, program formats, and statements for the newspapers and radio announcements.

In Washington, D. C., a "Freedom Rally" intended to give the silent majority a chance to speak out is being sponsored principally by the American Legion and VFW. It will be held at 2 p. m. Veterans Day on the Washington Monument grounds and will feature as speakers, Senator Tower, R-Texas; Rep. Lukens, R-Ohio; Rep. Buchanan, R-Alabama; and Rep. Marsh, D-Virginia.

*November 11 Baltimore, Maryland

A pro-U. S. demonstration and concert has been scheduled, 1900-2200 hours, at the War Memorial Plaza. A past National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans and others will speak. Counter-demonstrations are anticipated. AER 9310

*November 12 Nationally

On 5 November representatives of fourteen social action groups (including National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee; American

Civil Liberties Union; New York Civil Liberties Union; National Lawyers Guild; Black Law Students Association; Law Center for Constitutional Rights; etc.) issued a statement calling for "total political freedom" for lawyers. To underscore their demand for an end to "harassment," they announced plans for marches around Federal Courthouses in New York and ten other cities. Among other things, the statement protested contempt citations against four lawyers connected with the defendants in the current Chicago conspiracy trial and urged support for those demanding an end to the trial. *N.Y. Times 6 Nov. 69*

November 12 Detroit, Michigan

Robert F. Williams, militant black, who recently returned to the U. S. A. after eight years of exile in Cuba, China, and Tanzania, was freed on personal bonds after two appearances in Detroit Courts within hours after his return. Williams is fighting extradition to North Carolina where he is wanted on a kidnaping charge. An extradition hearing is set for November 12. *Daily World 17 Oct*

November 13-14 Nationally

The National Association of Black Students has selected these two days to extend special consideration to the black mothers and fathers who have lost sons in the Vietnam war. NABS is encouraging rallies concerning the Vietnam war and the draft as they relate to black people. It is urging, also, that "mothers, sisters and loved ones" go to local draft boards on November 14 and insist that they be drafted instead of the young men. *Daily World 21 Oct 69*

November 13-14 Washington, D. C.

A National Conference on GI Rights was announced by the GI Defense Organization in a planning session held at Chicago in early August. Part of the effort to increase GI resistance to the Vietnam war, the Conference will consider proposals including: "The guarantee

of freedom of the press and assembly, due process, etc., to serve them and legislation to enforce the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment by the officers' caste and their agents." The American Servicemen's Union has asked organized labor to support the GI movement. The Conference will be held at the Shoreham Hotel. Rep. Shirley Chisholm will be the featured speaker.

*November 13-14 Washington, D. C.

The Committee of Returned Volunteers (CRV), an organization of radicalized former Peace Corps and similar organization volunteers, has become active in anti-war activities and is participating in the November 13-16 actions of NMC. "Independently" it will sponsor a November 13-14 conference here of scholars concerned with U. S. policy toward Asia. The conference would be aimed at "building a base for organizing "demonstrations" when the Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato arrives here November 19 to discuss the status of Okinawa and other matters.

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*November 13-16 Washington, D. C.; San Francisco; and Nationally

In addition to information that has appeared in earlier SIR's, Special SIR's will be published relative to this period. One Special will attempt to cover the "November protests" in an analytical manner and the second will give more detailed information re actions planned for November 13-16, principally those in Washington, D. C., and San Francisco.

*November 14 and 15 California

The Coordinator of the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) in Los Angeles, California, held a press conference on October 27 during which she stated that 100,000 individuals are expected to participate in the San Francisco, California, demonstration on November 15. She stated there will be demonstrations on November 14 in industrial areas and at induction centers in southern California. *FBI 74786 2800*

*November 15 San Francisco, California

*The RMC, SMC, and the Bay Area Peace Action Council are doing the principal planning and organizing for the mass demonstration in San Francisco on November 15. *FBI 76385*

The demonstration includes a mass rally at Golden Gate Park at which Ralph David Abernathy (SCLC); former Senator Wayne Morse; and Rennie Davis (Chicago 8 defendant) will speak. Early estimates are that some 250,000 persons will participate in San Francisco.

*November 15 San Francisco, California

There is dissension in the West Coast NMC concerning the proposed demonstration at San Francisco, California, on 15 November. Terrence Hallinan, an official of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America, a Communist youth group, is attempting to purge members of the Socialist Workers Party and its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, from the committee. These elements insist that they are running the demonstration and are calling for a broad coalition of groups to participate.

FBI 77426

November 14 Seattle, Washington

The SMC at the University of Washington is organizing a march and rally to support the demonstrations at San Francisco and Washington, D. C.

FBI 72762

November 15 Berkeley, California

Reportedly, the extremist Black Panther Party plans to hold a benefit in the Berkeley, California, area on or about 15 November 1969. The purpose of the benefit is to raise money to be used as a legal defense fund for arrested leaders and members of the BPP, including its chairman Bobby Seale. The BPP plans to have well-known personalities and entertainers to participate in the benefit, including professional entertainer and civil rights activist Dick Gregory, and the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Reportedly, the BPP recently received word that Abernathy is willing to help and is waiting to be contacted by a representative of the BPP. Perhaps this benefit will be part of or in connection with the anti-war activities planned in San Francisco for this period.

*November 15 Washington, D. C.

Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, and Robert Greenblatt, leaders of the YIPPIES (Youth International Party), which originated as a put-on and still is primarily a figment of their imagination with no real organization or membership, have announced their intention to lead the Mobilization marchers from the Ellipse, which is the terminal point of the

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November 15 mass march, to the Justice Department. Six blocks away. They predict that the peace marchers will follow them in a demonstration to demand an end of the Chicago Eight trial. Greenblatt said he is negotiating for a permit from the Washington Police.

The NMC steering committee, after a reportedly heated argument in executive session, decided to state their position (at least for the record) as being one of not endorsing any post-parade or rally activities on the 15th. It should be noted, however, that later, Dave Dellinger, who seems to be the leading figure in the anti-war movement generally and the NMC specifically, said that he will join the YIPPIES in leading a march on the Justice Department.

Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin reportedly have commented that if they can get support from the crowd, an attempt will be made to break into the Department of Justice, breaking windows, and possibly using Molotov cocktails. While police are busy at the scene, an attempt will be made to blow up the South Vietnamese Embassy. Hoffman and Rubin are masters at exaggeration and preposterous statements.

November 15 Washington, D. C.

Arnold Johnson, Communist Party USA official and a member of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) steering committee, has issued a letter to all CP districts urging support for the demonstrations to be held at Washington, D. C., on 15 November. The letter urges that special efforts be made to obtain maximum participation of Negroes. *FBI 77426 3100*

November 16 Washington, D. C.

Meetings and continued unannounced actions by NMC.

November 16 Washington, D. C.

Student opponents of the Three Sisters Bridge announced that they will hold a mass march on November 16 with the aid of anti-war protestors here for the March Against Death and Peace March on November 14 & 15. Claiming to be in touch with the NMC leaders, the D. C. Students on the Transportation Crisis vowed they will halt bridge construction. No details have been set as yet. *Daily News 24 Oct.*

NMC has indicated that it will not "encourage" the November 15 participants to take part in this post-parade action, either.

November 18 Washington, D. C.

The appearance of black militant Robert F. Williams before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee scheduled for 30 September was postponed until 18 November, according to Conrad Lynn, one of Williams' lawyers. Williams faces kidnapping charges in North Carolina.

17 Sept Daily World

November 19-22 Washington, D. C.

The Committee of Returned Volunteers which plans to participate in the November demonstrations and to hold a conference dealing with "American Imperialism in Asia" will also demonstrate November 19-22 at Washington, D. C., during a conference on Okinawa between the President and the Prime Minister of Japan.

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November 21-24 Chicago, Illinois

The New Democratic Coalition steering committee announced a national conference will be held at which Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa) will be the principal speaker.

9 Sept Daily World

November 28-30 Mississippi or Georgia

The National Conference on Black Power had a three-conference schedule for 1969 - the first in July in Bermuda - the second 29-31 August in Los Angeles, and the third - "to synthesize the results of the previous two" will be in Mississippi or Georgia during the Thanksgiving weekend (November 27). It will be international in scope - including black people from North America, the Caribbean, Africa, and South America.

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SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.